

## Avoiding Damage from High Winds

### Reinforce Your Garage Door

High winds can damage garage doors or even blow them in. If wind enters a garage, it can cause dangerous and expensive structural damage. You can reinforce a garage door by adding horizontal structural support (girts) across the back of the door and by strengthening the glider wheel tracks. Determination concerning the need to reinforce a garage door should be based on an inspection by a trained door systems technician.

### Anchor or Remove Potential Windborne Objects

Everyday objects outside your home such as trash cans, yard furniture, barbecue grills, playhouses, and tools can be moved by the wind and cause damage during a severe storm. The wind can pick up smaller objects and drive them through windows and glass doors. Be sure to anchor storage sheds to a permanent foundation and remember that the straps and ground anchors used for manufactured homes can be used to anchor out-buildings, especially small garden sheds.

### Additional Hazard Mitigation Suggestions

Install tie-down straps made of galvanized metal to help keep roofs attached to walls.

Install and maintain storm shutters on windows, glass doors and skylights.

Install a generator for emergencies (be sure to check any local safety regulations first).

For additional information on how to prepare for natural disasters please visit:  
[fema.gov/plan/index.shtm](http://fema.gov/plan/index.shtm)

